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Sir:

A Response under 37 CFR 1.116 was filed on February 17, 2004 in the above-identified application To date, no further Office Action or correspondence has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be provided with the current status of the subject application as soon as possible.

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